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"Not by might, nor by power, but by My spirit."

24TH STATE CONVENTION



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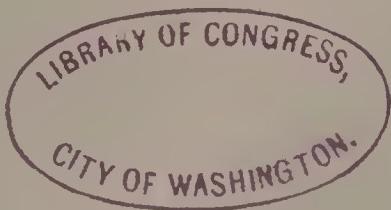
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PROLOGUE.

While compiling the work of the Littleton W. C. T. U. for publication in the town history I offer this pamphlet edition as a more convenient souvenir for distribution among the rank and file and hosts of friends who have felt the fraternal fellowship of the White-ribbon tie. With pure gratitude to all who have kindly assisted in this labor of love, I bid it go to the sanctuary of your hearts and homes with its white-winged message of peace on earth, good will to all.

MRS. JOSEPHINE AUSTIN.

Historical Sketch of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

July 27, 1881, a number of ladies met at the Episcopal church to organize a branch of the New Hampshire W. C. T. U. in Littleton. By invitation Revs. Andrews, Osgood and McLaughlin were present. In the absence of Miss Frances Willard who was expected, Mr. Osgood explained the methods of work usually adopted by the W. C. T. U., and a permanent organization was then formed by the adoption of the constitution as follows:

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

This organization shall be known as the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Littleton, auxiliary to the W. C. T. U. of the state of New Hampshire.

ARTICLE II.

OBJECT.

The object of this Union shall be to plan and carry forward measures, which will result, with the blessing of God, in the suppression of intemperance in our midst and the prohibition of the liquor traffic.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP.

Any woman may become a member of this organization by a payment of fifty cents per year into the treasury; twenty cents of which shall be sent to the state treasury. She shall also sign the following:

PLEDGE.

I hereby solemnly promise, God helping me, to abstain from all distilled, fermented and malt liquor as a beverage, including wine, beer and cider. And to employ all proper means to discourage the use of and traffic in the same.

Gentlemen may become honorary members by the payment of fifty cents per year.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS.

The officers of this organization shall be a president, vice-president, one from each church, corresponding secretary, recording secretary and treasurer, who shall, with the superintendent of the literature department, constitute an executive committee.

The following officers were then chosen: President, Mrs. Evaris W. Farr; vice-presidents, Mrs. Frank Weller, Mrs. Waterman and Mrs. Gile; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Frank Hodgman; recording secretary, Miss Helen Osgood; treasurer, Miss Julia Allen. A committee consisting of Mrs. Henry Redington, Mrs. Allen Church and Mrs. Charles Tarbell were chosen to formulate work. April 12, 1882, the Union met in the Congregational vestry. Mrs. G. W. Osgood was chosen president in place of Mrs. Farr, resigned, through whose earnest efforts the foundation work of Littleton's Union had been well laid.

Much good work was done among children in the form of Temperance Sunday school, most efficiently conducted by Miss Minnie Tilton, superintendent; Mrs. S. C. Sawyer, Mrs. Cora Tilton and Miss Lydia Cobb, assistants. Children signed the pledge and wore the badge of blue ribbon. Miss Julia Coleman's catechism was introduced in the village schools and outer districts by the untiring zeal of Mrs. H. H. Southworth, Mrs. Charles Eaton, Mrs. Henry Tilton, Mrs. Kate Chickering, Mrs. Oscar Parker, Mrs. Ray Gile, Mrs. Edgar Aldrich, Mrs. Thomas Carlton, Miss Julia Allen, Anna Brackett and many others. Prizes for the best essays on the effect of alcohol on the brain and human system were given in the High school, taught by Prof. Dame, who gave co-operation and courtesy to the work of the W. C. T. U. Jail and almshouse department of work was taken up at this time, and the first visits from the Union were made by Mrs. Eaton, Southworth and Rand, June 18, 1885, with annual visits from the Union each succeeding year. One needs to go but once to see the joy and comfort thus carried to these unfortunate ones.

In 1883, the first free lunch at town meeting was served, giving out a good supply of temperance literature with the same; both lunch and literature being gladly received. This work was continued for four years, and the ladies worked with a loyalty not a whit behind our sisters of Canada, Maine and Iowa. Nevertheless, womanlike, the reaction attendant upon the defeat, the



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MRS. GRANVILLE C. WATERMAN.
MRS. SAMUEL C. SAWYER.

PRESIDENTS, W. C. T. U.

high license craze, much indifference and general apathy was faced with martyr-like patience.

Under the faithful leadership of Mrs. Osgood the work was further forwarded by the entering wedge of petitions. As a department of work it was in its incipient stage ; and no one felt the power to say, as the little child did, who, when asked "if she were learning to read?" replied, "I don't have to learn to read now, I just read!" And when a petition was presented to Ira Parker, praying that he refuse to employ intemperate men, and a similar petition was presented to the Scythe Factory, it was in the spirit of Alice Cary when she said : "The attempt is all the wedge that splits its knotty way betwixt the possible and impossible."

It was small in the beginning, but increasing slowly and surely until by the continuous and persistent effort of this wedge we find ultimate success. About this time we find the first track is made leading to the avenues of assistance from the press. We find on record a vote of thanks to Miss Belle Redington for an article in the Republic, entitled, "Can We Help?" Another petition as a first step to the monumental though herculean work of introducing and maintaining Scientific Temperance Instruction in our schools we find recorded April 11, 1883, thus : "The president then read a circular from Miss C. R. Wendell, state recording secretary, in regard to a petition being presented to the legislature in June, asking that laws may be enacted requiring instruction in our public schools in Physiology and Hygiene, which shall give special prominence to the effects of alcoholic drinks, stimulants and narcotics upon the human system." The letter requested that our town be thoroughly canvassed by our ladies, and every person over twenty-one, especially voters, be urged to sign the petition. It was moved and seconded that Mrs. Tilton and Mrs. Osgood confer with Rev. Mr. Lyford of the Baptist church, concerning the appointment of ladies to circulate the petition in the outer districts. The following ladies were chosen to circulate the petition in the village : Mrs. Dexter and Mrs. Gile, Union, Cross and Pleasant streets ; Mrs. Hatch, with assistants, High and streets above ; Mrs. McGregor, Jackson, Clay, and School streets ; Mrs. Goodenough, Maple, Church and Elm streets ; Mrs. Church from bridge to School street ; Minnie Tilton, Main from School to water trough ; Mrs. Jones, to the end of Main, and Farr Hill ; Mrs. Henry Green, Saranac and Mill streets.

May 4, 1885, a permanent committee on petitions was appointed to confer with our representatives and the following peti-

tions were referred to them: The undersigned residents of the town of Littleton, N. H., respectfully represent that certain parties interested in the sale of alcoholic liquors are making efforts toward securing a license law. Against such a procedure we protest, and urge in the interests of our home and children, that the present Prohibitory Law be retained, and measures adopted for its better enforcement.

The undersigned residents of Littleton, N. H., most earnestly pray for the passage of the proposed bill to prohibit the exhibition and sale of stories of bloodshed and crime; and of other corresponding literature within this state. We are informed that North Carolina, Illinois, Michigan, Iowa, Texas, Maine and other states have enacted laws against these evils. We believe that the danger and curse of the morals of the young are sufficiently manifest to sustain an earnest prayer that the legislature will not adjourn without enacting the proposed bill now introduced.

March 8, 1886, voted to petition the selectmen to close saloons on town-meeting day. Mrs. Knox wrote the request as follows:

GENTLEMEN:—In behalf of the welfare of our citizens and town, and the great need of clear brain in the transaction of the town business, and as a safeguard to prevent evil, the W. C. T. U. most respectfully request that you order the sale of intoxicants to be prohibited on Tuesday, March 9, 1886, town-meeting day; and that proper means be taken to see that such request by your authority be strictly heeded.

March 26, voted that the secretary prepare a memorial to present the editor of the Journal asking him to remove from that paper the advertisement of ‘Rock and Rye.’

At the regular meeting April 2, 1889, an article on Woman Suffrage was read. Most of the ladies were in favor of the same and signed a petition to the legislature, asking to make it a law of the state. February 17, 1891, at the regular meeting, Mrs. Waterman, president, read a letter from Ex-Gov. Goodell requesting petitions to have the Nuisance Law remain on the statute books sent to the legislature as soon as possible. A petition was drawn up and well signed. Julia R. Carpenter, State Superintendent of Legislation, in the report of 1895, says: “That the various means to strengthen the weak points in the statutes and increase the power of the Nuisance Act passed in the House over great opposition was owing to the brilliant and untiring championship of Daniel C. Remich of Littleton, to whom the W. C. T. U.

and all good citizens owe a debt of deep and lasting gratitude. He was watchful and indefatigable, keen of perception, restless and courageous in argument, and devoted all his powers of heart and intellect to the furthering of every good measure. Let us never forget what we owe him."

One of the resolutions passed at the State W. C. T. U. convention, 1895, reads:



HON. D. C. REMICH.

Resolved, That we, as a convention, express our gratitude to Hon. D. C. Remich of Littleton for his persistent efforts in the last legislature for the retaining of the Prohibitory Law intact upon our statute books, and his loyalty to every movement pertaining to the temperance cause.

The World's petition, now called Polyglot petition, to be presented to the different governments of the world, was well signed, Mrs. Austin procuring one hundred names in season to be enrolled

on the scroll that wreathed the gallery of Tremont Temple, during National Convention, 1891. The petition in regard to the closing of the Columbian Exposition on Sunday was read and reported to have been endorsed unanimously by the Congregational church and signed by one hundred names, also endorsed by the Baptist and Methodist churches. The petition to Messrs. Webb and Pulman to abolish smoking compartments on their cars. January 22, 1895, a petition to raise the age of consent, which passed the House and Senate to be vetoed by Gov. Busiel. The Hon. Ira Parker was a member of the legislature when the state Union decided to ask for an appropriation for "Mercy Home." Mrs. Knox asked him if he would present the bill to that effect and he very kindly consented. [See Dedication of Mercy Home.] The

heroic work done for constitutional amendment in place of statutory, as shown by the records, made, in the words of Will Carleton, "brawn and brain" that is "no vanity of head, but thankfulness of heart instead," and though the workers pass into oblivion, multitudes are already reaping the blessings.

At the annual meeting, April 14, 1884, Mrs. F. A. Robinson was elected president and served the ensuing year, giving her whole heart and energy to build up the work and place Littleton W. C. T. U. in estimable rank among sixty-seven others in our state. Its first delegate to State convention was Mrs. S. C. Sawyer, who was sent by the Union to Fisherville September 26, 1882, and the Union has well sustained rank and dignity to each succeeding convention, standing second to none, except Franklin, in every line of work taken up. From her Union Mrs. N. H. Knox, as state delegate to the National convention, went to Philadelphia. Mrs. Ray Gile, Mrs. S. L. Simonds, Mrs. S. C. Sawyer, Mrs. Frank Phillips, Mrs. L. M. Buswell and Mrs. L. J. Austin attended the Eighteenth Annual National convention at Boston, Mass., October 1891. At the Twenty-second National convention, held at Baltimore, Md., October, 1895, Mrs. Josephine Austin went as delegate. The Union has sent as delegates and alternates to annual State conventions as follows: Twelfth convention at Great Falls, September, 1885, the local president, Mrs. N. H. Knox who was State president at that time. Thirteenth convention, September, 1886, was held at Littleton. The address of welcome given by Mrs. Frank Phillips was as follows:

DEAR SISTERS AND FRIENDS:—We most heartily welcome you to our beautiful town, to our hearts, and also to the hospitalities of our homes. Although you have received many greetings from other towns in the state, yet we hope the grandeur of our mountain scenery, and the cordiality of our people during your stay may well repay you for any sacrifices you have made to come so far to meet with us in convention. There are, doubtless, at this time disinterested people asking why so many ladies are assembled, and what is their object. The answer comes from the sad hearts and homes that so much need our sympathy, work and prayers. By the help of these annual meetings new strength, courage and zeal are gained to go forward in the noble work of staying the tide of intemperance. We know the promises of God never fail. "Ask in faith and ye shall receive." "All things work together for good to them that love God." Now, with the Lord on our side, as helper and guide, we feel assured that right will prevail; for our



MRS. HANNAH MERRILL.



MISS JULIA ALLEN.



MRS. HANNAH HILDRETH.



MRS. HENRY LIBBEY.



MRS. C. P. CHICKERING.

Father has said in his word He will never leave nor forsake his children. During the Rebellion President Lincoln was asked what he was going to do about suppressing it. He replied: "Peg away, peg away, keep pegging away." Now that is just what we women intend to do until we see the triumph of Prohibition, which of course would have occurred long, long ago if only the women could have managed the ballot. We very often sing,—

"Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;"

Although we meet as strangers, yet as we look into your earnest faces we feel there is a common bond of sympathy existing between us as co-workers in the same loved cause of redeeming our land from the curse of intemperance. It is hoped that your presence with us may give new inspiration not only to our workers already in the field, but also to our friends who stand just outside our ranks. We trust they will come a little nearer now—just near enough to grasp our hands, ready to take hold of the work while the battle is raging the thickest. Whenever we find obstacles in our pathway let us not be discouraged nor "weary in well doing, for in due season ye shall reap if ye faint not."

"Again I welcome all friends here;
We'll trust in God without a fear;
United may we ever stand
For God and Home and Native Land."

The Fourteenth convention at Manchester, September, 1887, Mrs. E. H. Aldrich and Mrs. F. A. Robinson were chosen delegates, with Mrs. Henry Green and Mrs. H. H. Southworth, alternates. Fifteenth convention at Keene, September, 1888, Mrs S. C. Sawyer and Mrs H. H. Southworth. Sixteenth convention at Concord, September, 1889, Mrs. S. C. Sawyer, Mrs. H. H. Southworth and Mrs. L. J. Austin. Seventeenth convention at Nashua, October, 1891, Mrs. Rose Kenney, Mrs. L. M. Buswell and Mrs. L. M. Austin, the latter having the closing evening for a Demorest Gold Medal Contest. (Master Charles Robinson of Keene won the first gold medal in the state at that time.) Eighteenth convention at Laconia, October, 1892, Mrs. S. C. Sawyer, Mrs. Sarah Danforth, Mrs. Jennie Smith and Mrs. L. J. Austin. The closing exercises were by Mrs. Austin's class competing for the first grand gold medal in the state, Miss Bertha Stevens of Franklin being the happy winner. Nineteenth convention at Jefferson, October, 1893, Mrs. S. C. Sawyer, Mrs. H. Libbey, Mrs. Frank Phillips and Mrs. Aaron Eastman. Twenty-first convention at Franklin, October, 1895, Mrs. J. H. Hoffman, Mrs. S. L. Simonds,

Mrs. Josephine Austin. At the County conventions Littleton is called the "Banner Union." December 20, 1893, the County convention was held at Littleton, Mrs. Josephine Nichols of Indiana lecturing in the evening.

May 4, 1885, the beloved Mrs. N. H. Knox, being at the time State president, was elected president of the local Union, and was a most efficient leader until called to new fields of labor April 25, 1888. Mrs. Knox, wife of M. V. B. Knox, the Methodist pastor, now president of Red River Valley University, Wahpeton, North Dakota, who gave his best and hearty sympathy as an aid to the temperance work; as an example to all other ministers in high places. Of her it can well be said, "She was not an ordinary but an extraordinary woman." With her leadership the Union kept marching on the principle of an old philosopher, that the most highly developed work of the past should be but the average development of what follows. Threads became strands in her skillful hands. In a letter received from her while a teacher in Dakota University, she refers to an incident, in connection with the work already mentioned, of serving lunch at town meeting. She writes: "At first the consent was reluctantly given by the officials, but when they saw that our work did good and helped to keep men from the saloons, they requested us to continue and returned us a vote of thanks. I recall one incident. The men were getting excited over some question and it looked as if they were coming to a fight. The quarrel ran high, and just as the men raised their arms to strike, one of our women said, 'Let us sing America,' and quick as thought the clear sweet voices of women resounded throughout the building in the suggestive words,—

' My country 'tis of thee
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing.'

A hush fell upon the angry crowd; hands raised to tear each other were quickly dropped and the voters had no more trouble that day." It was under her leadership work on narcotics commenced. An extract from the same letter will emphasize, together with following history, what McAnnis says: "Stirring up this world is fascinating work, but dangerous." She writes: "We circulated a petition among business men and the hotels, asking that they would not sell cigarettes; would not keep them for sale. We got the consent of every firm but one. The failure of this one house prevented our clearing the town of the sale of cigarettes."

The records show intermittent work along this line, as follows: November 8, 1886, regular meeting opened with scripture reading and prayer by Mrs. Waterman. Mrs. Knox spoke of the tobacco law not being enforced in this town. After some discussion it was thought best for the president to write to the Internal Revenue officers to ascertain who in this town had license for selling. January 3, 1887, some discussion about a case of liquor selling in this town. Mrs. Rand was chosen committee to procure several search warrants from some lawyer. January 17th, Mrs. Rand reported that she procured one from a lawyer in Lisbon, for which the Union paid two dollars. Mrs. Rand and Knox were chosen to interview the lawyers here to see if all were retained in the interests of the saloon. However, their subsequent attitude toward the W. C. T. U. has been one of marked courtesy and much assistance; for which a rising vote of thanks was given them at the regular meeting, February 11, 1896. A spirited discussion of the liquor traffic, April 25th. June 20th, discussion on tobacco and impure literature. July 18th, spirited discussion in regard to tobacco using, especially by church people, and decided that if the women of Littleton would come out and take a stand with the Union and for truth, they could make a move that would be effectual. How to reach them was a question unanswered. August 1, 1887, the following question was brought before the ladies and voted upon: That they send a letter to Mrs. Cofran of the Twin Mountain House, asking her to desist and cease the practice of treating invited guests with punch of any kind. December 19th, a case of illegal sale of tobacco and cigarettes reported. A committee of three, Mrs. Knox, Mrs. Waterman and Mrs. Green were appointed to see to the enforcement of the law.

January 30, 1888, meeting opened with scripture reading and prayer; and the tobacco question was then discussed. The ladies decided that they would not proceed with the case of illegal sale at present. The committee were to visit all the dealers and give them warnings of suspicions against them of breaking the law, and ask them to desist. February 6th, the committee reported their visits to seventeen places, and all were sure they did not sell to boys; and that each was willing to give up the sale of cigarettes if all would do so. The report was accepted. Voted that the same committee should circulate a paper for names of all that would pledge themselves to keep no more cigarettes for sale. The case of liquor selling brought a letter from Gov. Sawyer, saying, the validity of the Nuisance Act would have to be tested before the

Supreme Court. The ladies decided they would give them a chance so to do. Each member was to get all the information possible during the week, and be ready to make plans to that effect at the next meeting. February 13th, the committee reported twenty-one places visited. Seventeen had signed the paper pledging themselves not to sell cigarettes. At two places they refused to do so, and one place they were not at home which brought out a general discussion at the next meeting, whereupon it was voted to have an article in the village paper explaining why cigarette selling had not been abolished here, Mrs. Knox to prepare the article. June 5th, Mrs. Waterman reported her success in giving the facts to the public through the press. Then came a lull, but not a rest. Once again the records show an attack upon the most forbidding castle of the enemy. With state superintendent, Mrs. Elena Hoffman, then of Peterboro, revised laws, and county solicitor, Hon. W. H. Mitchell, and *prima facie* evidence the records show some victory won, and the lesson that to

"Grasp a nettle tender handed
Only stings you for your pains;
But to quick and firmly crush it,
Then it soft as silk remains."

Like the liquor traffic, restriction and suppression can no more win the battle than the old musket of '76 or the Springfield rifle of '61 would satisfy the navy of 1896. Offenders of the law are still known and reported. To walk the length of Main street plainly reading the marks of poison on God's temples that should be fit for the indwelling of his spirit. Few at the present age are sufficiently ignorant to not diagnose the symptoms; and motherhood, wifehood and sisterhood, God, home and humanity cry aloud for pure hearts and clear brains. "Times like these demand strong minds, great hearts, and ready hands." Must we wait for Scientific Temperance instruction to be taught through schools and colleges before this stain of narcotics shall be washed "whiter than snow?" The White Ribbon army are a host with a purpose, and Littleton school examinations on Scientific Temperance instruction are in evidence of persistency.

Though strange as it may seem to future generations the records show the footholds gained by committee work, petition work, legal instructions and unflagging faith, mixed with womanly patience, unequalled in any organization other than the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, was the story of the cross that won the crown of Scientific Temperance instruction being taught as required by law now adopted in every state and territory except Ar-



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MRS. GEO. MARTIN.



MRS. STEPHEN EATON.



MRS. LAURA HOWLAND.

kansas, Virginia and Georgia. Vermont being the first to adopt the law and New Hampshire third.

The department of Friendly Inn work, superintended by Mrs. Silas Hatch, until she was called to be matron of Mercy Home at Manchester, was reaching scores of neglected children who came to her home for instruction in every way to uplift and save those of whom the Saviour said, "Such is the kingdom of Heaven." September 11, 1888, Mrs. Hatch by invitation gave some facts in the history of her work, particularly that on circus day, which was an inspiration to all, making them wish for the moment that they could do her work in her way, but remembered that Christ is leader and captain and would take orders from Him, keeping so close as to make no mistakes. The soldiers who are nearest their captain are least likely to misunderstand the orders. The work among children has never lacked enthusiasm. The Band of Hope was the pet of the ladies and County convention reports called Littleton the Banner Union in Juvenile work, but from need of leaders has not come up to the standard of its high calling. At first the Temperance Sunday school, using Miss Coleman's catechism, had a large attendance. Then the Band of Hope, after which the National decided that all Juvenile societies be called Loyal Temperance Legion. This was well attended by nearly one hundred children, until the work was too arduous for the superintendent, Mrs. Aaron Eastman, without more assistance, which, if provided, would soon enable the L. T. L. of Littleton to be represented in County, State and National, under the present system of juvenile work.

August 27, 1888, Mrs. M. S. Waterman was elected president, who was a wise and trusted leader until February 17, 1891. She was the wife of G. C. Waterman, the pastor of the Baptist church, who gave hearty sympathy and aid in forwarding the work, until called to a pastorate in Providence, R. I. Woman's Suffrage was advocated. Ladies attending school meeting urged Mrs. Waterman asked the question: "If any lady would not go to school meeting could she give the reason why?" Many subscribers for the Union Signal were added. Much work done for the Mercy Home.

June 25th, Mrs. Albee of Claremont spoke to the Union in the interest of a home for needy and fallen women, to be established in Manchester, N. H., for which there seemed great need; as homeless women are driven to places of vice and dens of iniquity for the want of a respectable place. Many loath the life

they now lead and would be different with a little help. A temperance home on a small scale had been secured and forty-nine females applied during that year, toward making what is now an established permanent W. C. T. U. Mercy Home. Littleton Union has furnished what is called "Littleton Room," and has contributed two hundred and twenty-five dollars.

March 3, 1891, Mrs. S. L. Simonds, who had served since the absence of Mrs. Waterman, was elected president, acting until September 1, 1891; during which time she presided at the public meeting of May 31st, with the following program: Tenth psalm ready by Mrs. L. J. Austin; prayer by Rev. Mr. Sanderson; address by Rev. J. B. Merrill from the words, "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do you even so to them;" Miss Willard's appeal, beautifully read by Mrs. Ira Parker; collection; poem recited by Bessie Shay; music, interspersed by the choir and by the children, led by Mrs. Charles Bingham, (noteworthy for her often and efficiently rendered service for the Union, of which she is a member;) benediction by Rev. Mr. Langford.

In April a Demorest medal contest, given by Mrs. Austin's class, (Miss Bertha Glazier winning the gold medal,) at the Congregational church, gave the proceeds toward furnishing the Littleton Room at Mercy Home in Manchester. Books were purchased for the L. T. L., and the boxes at the depot and barber shops kept supplied with literature, and much incidental work was done. With the persistent efforts of Mrs. S. C. Sawyer the treasury was so well cared for that the Union has earned an enviable reputation for helping others, always contributing its share. Doing not a little to assist, and, if possible, remove an inmate known as "Blind Ann" from the county almhouse to some home for the aged. Gave \$8.60 for prizes for best essays on alcohol; \$10 to Miss Willard's appeal for current expenses contributed toward the state flag; the Nebraska temple; \$5 to Harley mission in Michigan; contributed toward Ramabai fund; the reading room at North Stratford; Rescue work in Michigan, and many gifts. Has had lectures by Mesdames Leavitt, Richardson, Kimball, Harris, Pearson, Stevenson, Nichols, Gleason, Dr. Minnie Leavitt, Barton, Lathrop, Rice, Phelps, Messrs. Langford, Kingsley, Beardsley, Merrill, Remich, Hoffman and others. - Concert by the Clarions, spending more than one hundred dollars for these rich treats to themselves and the public. Gave toward the Chicago Temple,—"House Beautiful;" for lumberman's work, a library with case, many comfort bags, fifty dollars; for Mercy Home,

\$225 ; for fountain on Main street, \$127.20 ; for work among children and incidentals, about \$300 ; rent for rooms and halls more than \$100 ; for Keeley Cure work, \$656 was used to send thirteen to North Conway Institute, managed by Prof. Gould.

Though the W. C. T. U. work of itself is in lines of prevention, each Union has liberty to add, at its own discretion, any labor for the uplift of humanity. Sending the finished product of the saloons and drug stores to Conway had enlisted the hearts and pockets of Messrs. Kilburn and Remich, and Mr. Remich presented the subject to the Union at a regular meeting, whereupon a committee of three, viz., Mrs. D. C. Remich, Mrs. S. L. Simonds and Mrs. L. J. Austin, was appointed to solicit funds for the work ; while the Union could meantime, through permit of Dr. Keeley, give fifty per cent. discount. The first efforts, though mercury was twenty degrees below zero, found tender hearts warm with sympathy. Within twenty-four hours one hundred and fifty dollars were given and pledged to Mrs. Austin who was kindly treated by every one, though she called at the hotels and drug stores as well as elsewhere. This with the refunded money from some, who, after having their health restored, showed true manhood and thus enabled the work to go on with many good results.

Mrs. S. L. Simonds was appointed superintendent by the County president, Mrs. G. W. Richardson. Many shall magnify her name and memory for going to the homes where was no food but the remnants of biscuit made from the flour given by D. C. Remich ; no beds, but bundles on the floor for five children, the youngest a babe of eight months in a small grocer box for a crib ; clothing pawned at the saloon for drinks and the mother helpless to perform even the first step toward Home Protection. In the name of Him who said, "Go ye into all the world," she went with the little badge of White-ribbon and the motto of our state, "Not by might, nor by power, but by thy spirit saith the Lord," and transformed those abodes into homes of comfort and joy. Too much cannot be said in praise of any person who gives time, money or assistance of any kind whatsoever to rescue humanity from the wrecks on the sea of life, but what about the "ounce of prevention?" Like the difference between a few light-houses and life-boats at what was called Hell Gate, near New York, and the permanent removal of those unwieldly forces, lying layer upon layer, hidden beneath the waters. Many more can and will be saved by honey-combing the whole structure of the liquor traffic, and filling it with forces, that, when connected with the battery of the government,

will electrify the boulders of hardened process and practice and disperse them as easily as was old Hell Gate when "Little Mary" touched the electric button. Though perhaps a dozen were saved in our town by the Keeley Cure, the W. C. T. U. call it but a little life-boat that saves comparatively a few, while the lines of prevention go on and on honeycombing the structure and filling in with heavenly dynamite, praying to eventually be connected with the government that shall rend the rock in flinders, and voyagers may pass peacefully on, while that awful vortex is remembered only in history.

The talismanic letters, W. C. T. U., in Littleton as well as elsewhere, now have the cheering God speed of every consecrated, cultured clergyman to help them on ; and temperance ozone pervades the sentiment of both pulpit and press. Our worthy editors giving welcome, aid by their publications. Teachers instruct in every grade, the school children that love to stop for a drink at the W. C. T. U. fountain of pure cold water, as they go to and fro.

September 1, 1891, Mrs. S. C. Sawyer was elected president. It is an honor to be a member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, but a much greater honor to be one of its presidents. The four consecutive years as constant leader, showing strides of advance along many and no lagging in any lines of work, bespeak deserving credit. Mrs. Sawyer was a charter member and has ever been in the fore of the campaign ; an able and willing worker. She has been successful in introducing and presenting W. C. T. U. work to other bodies and associations ; has been delegate to many County and State conventions ; has been superintendent of several departments, a busy treasurer, and never outside the rank and file. Her husband, an honorary member in very deed, has been no silent exponent of the work, but with a smile and God speed was one of the first to stand for Prohibition, and equal suffrage.

September 10, 1895, Mrs. S. L. Simonds was elected president. A woman possessed of that rare combination—zeal and wisdom—with an ear to catch the keynote and keep step with the advance corps, the wife of one of our best citizens, an honorary member of the Union. He believes, with Joseph Cook, in a political platform with "No sex, no shirks, no simpletons in citizenship." Though now in the Republican party, which burst the fetters of slavery from four million Africans, he will, no doubt, in the near future cast his vote with a Home Protection party to



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break the shackles of the nation from the bondage of King Alcohol and its allies.

With an efficient staff of vice-presidents, viz: Mrs. Elena Hoffman from the Congregational church; Mrs. Aaron Eastman from the Methodist church, Mrs. J. B. Merrill from the Baptist, Mrs. Oscar Parker from the Advent, Mrs. Hosea Patterson from the Unitarian, Mrs. Chauncey Green from the Episcopal, Mrs. S. Danforth from the Catholic; Mrs. Frank Phillips, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Aaron Eastman, recording secretary; Mrs. Mabel Libbey, treasurer; Mrs. Alzina Currier, auditor. The departments, viz: Press work, superintended by Mrs. S. C. Sawyer; literature, by Mrs. Libbey; social purity, by Mrs. Mann; evangelistic, by Mrs. Hill; narcotics, by Miss Mary Metcalf; work among lumbermen, by Mrs. Oscar Parker; jail, almshouse and flower mission, by Mrs. George Martin; scientific temperance instruction, by Mrs. Elena Hoffman; juvenile work, by Mrs. Hattie Bowles; Sabbath observance, by Mrs. Jennie Smith; hygiene and health, by Mrs. L. M. Buswell; mercy, Mrs. S. C. Sawyer; homes for the homeless, by Mrs. George Martin. A paying membership, namely: Mrs. Josephine Austin, Mrs. Edgar Aldrich, Miss Ida Ash, Miss Julia Allen, Mrs. Maria Bowman, Mrs. William Blake, Mrs. Porter Bean, Mrs. L. M. Buswell, Ada Buswell, Mrs. Eliza Burnham, Mrs. Charles Bingham, Mrs. Hattie Bowles, Mrs. Isaac Calhoun, Mrs. Allen Church, Mrs. Ellery Carter, Mrs. Baxter Carbee, Mrs. Kate Chickering, Mrs. C. Caldwell, Mrs. Alzina Currier, Mrs. Ada Currier, Miss Sophie Dearth, Mrs. Charles Eaton, Mrs. Aaron Eastman, Mrs. John Farr, Mrs. S. L. Farr, Mrs. R. T. Gile, Mrs. W. A. Gordon, Mrs. John Goodenough, Mrs. Chauncey Green, Mrs. Henry Green, Mrs. Elena Hoffman, Mrs. H. Howland, Mrs. Hannah Hildreth, Mrs. J. A. Hill, Mrs. O. E. Hurlbutt, Mrs. Oscar Hatch, Abbie Hatch, Hattie Heald, Mrs. L. A. Page, Mrs. C. M. Howard, Mrs. G. W. Jackman, Miss E. C. Jackman, Mrs. B. W. Kilburn, Mrs. Almira Lamere, Mrs. Blanche Langford, Mrs. Mabel Libbey, Mrs. Hannah Merrill, Mrs. Maria Mann, Mrs. J. B. Merrill, Mrs. Clarke Morrill, Mrs. George Martin, Mary Metcalf, Addie Merrill, Mrs. Frank Phillips, Mrs. Hosea Patterson, Mrs. Ira Parker, Mrs. Nelson Parker, Mrs. Betsey Millen, Mrs. L. B. Heald, Mrs. D. M. Clough, Mrs. Minard Watson, Mrs. Ira Bass, Mrs. George Farr, Mrs. T. E. Parker, Mrs. William Mitchell, Mrs. Charles Morrill, Mrs. M. F. Young, Ellen Cleasby, Olivia Thayer, Cathie Hoffman, Maria Scripture, Mrs. A. D. Fisher, Mrs. Sue Morrison, Mrs. Damon Clark, Mrs. C. S. Brooks,

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A bank account of fifty dollars, and ten dollars in treasury. The beautiful portrait of our honored chieftain, Frances Willard, and the gavel made of two kinds of wood from the old "crusade church," with sterling silver plate with inscription (presented by Mrs. Austin) gives a tocsin call with no uncertain sound as the combat deepens. The evangelistic department is the helm, mast, and rudder, strong, staunch and true. Chart and compass are the working of the spirit of Christ to overcome the "spirits" of the greatest adversary yet known. Not in vain the petition to high heaven, when the prayers of Littleton's White Ribbon army fill the murky air with incense of prayer and praise. Now in fellowship with the Congregational church and pastor, Rev. J. H. Hoffman, who says:

"LITTLETON, N. H., Jan. 28, '96.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Littleton has accomplished wonders. The moral forces of the whole community have felt their heart and hand. These noble women are on the right side of every good reform; they are friends of God and man; they constitute a police force for the town. 'Eternal vigilance' is written on their banners, and 'God, Home and Native Land' are words very dear to them. I could wish that every wife, mother and sister might give them their prayers and their presence.

Cordially,

J. H. HOFFMAN."

The Methodist church and pastor, Rev. C. M. Howard, who says:

"As indicated in its name there are, to my thought, three elements of great strength in the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, viz., *woman*, *unity*, and *Christianity*. That these elements of strength are combined to push on so noble and beneficent a cause as that of temperance in its deeper and broader significance furnishes a reason for profound gratitude on the part of every man who loves God supremely and his neighbor as himself. The Methodist Episcopal church, by its clergy and laymen, has not been slow to recognize the worth of this organization, and feels proud of having furnished to it such women as Frances E. Willard.

C. M. HOWARD."

The Baptist church and pastor, Rev. J. B. Merrill, who says:

"For myself, and in behalf of the F. B. church, permit me to say, we recognize the W. C. T. U. as one of the most potent factors in creating and maintaining a healthy and growing temperance sentiment in this community, and extend to it our hearty sympathy and fellowship. Yours for God, Home and Every Land.

J. B. MERRILL."

The Advent church and pastor, Rev. John Jeffrey, who says:

"That oft' repeated quotation, 'What can a woman do?' might well be paraphrased to read, 'What can't a woman do?' Especially when we take into consideration the indispensable and incalculable amount of good that has been accomplished by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. And as woman was not denied the agency to introduce sin into the world, so she shall have the privilege to help banish it from the world, which we believe to be the noble object of this organization. We, therefore, as pastor and people of the Advent Christian church of Littleton, endorse the God-sent mission, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

JOHN JEFFREY.

The Episcopal church and rector, Rev. E. F. Davis, who says:

"That brand of the Catholic church, which is known in law as the Protestant Episcopal church in the United States, takes her stand with reference to the temperance question, as well as all other questions of morals and religion, squarely on the word of God. She is in hearty sympathy with all reform movements and

enterprises, while through her own 'Church Temperance society,' (of which the Presiding Bishop of the American church is president, and fifty-two other bishops are vice-presidents,) and through the 'Woman's Auxiliary,' and her co-operation with the W. C. T. U. in numberless instances, and also through the 'Church Temperance Legion,' a steady, earnest and effective work is being accomplished throughout the entire country. All Saints' mission, during the twenty years of her life in Littleton, has been faithfully striving to teach the rising generation to live godly, righteous and sober lives, aiding and encouraging every effort made for the promotion of temperance in the peace.

EDGAR FOSTER DAVIS.

The Unitarian church and pastor, Rev. F. L. Snapp, who says :

"LITTLETON, N. H., Feb. 10, 1896.

To MRS. SIMONDS, President of W. C. T. U., Littleton, N. H.

MY DEAR MADAM :—Having been for some days out of town and otherwise very much occupied, I have not been able to make formal the informal invitation I tendered through you to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union to hold its annual convention in the auditorium, parlors and dining rooms of the Unitarian church in this village. I regard the efforts of the women today in the various departments of charity and reform as unprecedented in the history of the world. Of course as we look back and review the noble self-sacrificing characters of Lady Huntington, Elizabeth Frye, Grace Darling and Princess Alice, we feel that we must place them side by side with Miss Clara Barton, Miss Frances Willard, Mrs. Mary A. Livermore and others of our day; yet the movement of today is unprecedented because of its organization, world-embracing, non-sectarian in its efforts in that it deals with humanity and its various demands for uplifting, and it is *all* sectarian in that it places no bar against any faith whatsoever to co-operate in its movement. This is a pleasant thing to contemplate, for after so many songs, prayers and speeches have been absorbed by denominational interests, the world is wide enough and God's common truth is bountiful enough to furnish us songs and prayers and speeches which, while not doing violence to any man's predilections in faith, feed the very soul upon the manna which comes down from heaven. Of such an organization you have the honor of being the president. and in view of the annual convention holden in this village on the 20th of this month



MRS. ELENA HOFFMAN



MISS ELLEN CLEASBY.



MRS. J. L. SMITH.



MRS. CHAS. BINGHAM.



MISS MINNIE B. TILTON.

I, in behalf of the Unitarian church, bespeaking her earnest co-operation and sympathy in work of the Union, do hereby cordially extend an invitation to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union to hold said convention with their co-laborers in our church, assuring the Union that helping hands and willing hearts will be there ready to receive them.

Very cordially yours,

L. FLETCHER SNAPP.

Rev. F. G. Chutter says the following of the W. C. T. U.:

"LITTLETON, N. H., March 28, 1896.

DEAR MRS. AUSTIN:—I am truly glad to say on paper what I have said again and yet again that I consider the W. C. T. U. one of the greatest moral forces of the age, born in necessity, reared in adversity, she is a giant of almost limitless powers. I dare not prophesy her work or her destiny so long as her members are real Women, her spirit Christian, her principle Temperance, and her unchanging watchword Union. Very respectfully,

FREDERICK G. CHUTTER.

It is a happy coincidence that our saloons, saloons, saloons, have gone! And our homes are safer now with unlocked doors than in former days with bars and bolts, surrounded by the work of seventeen saloons.

February 11, 1896, at the regular meeting the following resolutions were unanimously adopted and recorded :

WHEREAS, The clergy of this town give so much sympathy and aid to our organization by standing shoulder to shoulder with us as true watchmen and not afraid to cry aloud for victory over the vile destroyer of our homes,

Resolved, That a rising vote of thanks be given as an expression of appreciation of the aid and comfort it has been to our Union, and to the friends of temperance, generally, in our town;

WHEREAS, One of the number deems it best to go to another field of labor when the spring comes, we feel it will be no disparagement to them all to make allusion to the brave, true knight, who, without fear and without reproach, has borne his colors right onward with a self-forgetting chivalry worthy of the nineteenth century; therefore

Resolved, That a vote of thanks from the Union now assembled be given Rev. J. B. Merrill, pastor of the Baptist church, not

forgetting to make worthy mention of his noble wife, who has filled so many offices of trust.*

Of the honorary members Joel Bronson, William Taylor and Loren J. Austin have passed on to their heavenly promotion ; the former in 1894 at the advanced age of ninety-two. He was a man of most sterling integrity and Christian philanthropy. Whittier says of such as he,—

“Who gives and hides the giving hand,
Nor counts on favor, fame or praise,
Shall find his smallest gift outweighs
The burden of the sea and land.”

The same year, in May, L. J. Austin, passed on to the higher life, but left deeds well worthy of homage and may help others who are still in the battle of life and temptation. His first step for temperance was that of *total abstinence*, to refuse the social glass that had been looked upon with complacency—and with the *hot slings*, Rock and Ryes, that cure colds and fevers alike, then to sign his name where it says : “I hereby solemnly pledge and promise, God helping me, to abstain from the use of and to discourage all traffic in intoxicating drinks.” This act brought light to bear upon the questions of the day, and, through a representative of the town of Bethlehem in 1883-5, he soon became convinced that the greatest issue in politics was not the tariff, but the liquor traffic. And grandly he stood firmly and more sure for prohibition. It appeared to him that the shackles must be broken that now fetters half the human race, make her the helpmeet God designed her to be, and the hearthstone the cornerstone of the nation. Every branch of the W. C. T. U. work found a responsive amen from his heart, and he cheerfully gave the tithes of his storehouse to aid the woman worker and reformer. His last social act was in midwinter, in company with his wife, to purchase from the hothouse a blooming plant and carry a few miles out to the bereaved home of our White-ribbon sister, Mrs. Rose Kenney, who had so recently been cast into the loneliness of widowhood. As they looked at the green leaves and pure white petals of God’s handiwork, there must have been a sense of touch with the Divine, for within a few months each was called to join those on the other shore. This is what she afterwards wrote to Mrs. Austin and the Union :

MY DEAR MRS. AUSTIN :—My beautiful pink has two more blossoms. I enjoy it continually, though my heart is sad all the

* Happily when spring came Brother and Sister Merrill listened to the cordial invitations from church and friends to remain yet a little longer.

time. You can understand both feelings can you not? Dear Sisters of the Union :—It is difficult for me to find words to express my gratitude for the beautiful expression of your love and sympathy that was brought to me by Mr. and Mrs. Austin. The plant was beautiful in itself, but as an expression of your feelings to one in this time of deep sorrow it is doubly so. I think I never fully understood the meaning of "Flower Mission" before. Again thanking you for your loving kindness in the work, I am, as ever, your sister in the work.

ROSE A. KENNEY.

In him the sweet consistency of Right and Justice seemed a language read by child, mother, sister, wife, or daughters, as a champion for their uplift. 'Tis said,—

"The smallest bark on life's tumultuous ocean
Will leave a track behind forevermore;
The lightest wave of influence set in motion
Extends and widens to the eternal shore."

The following June, of 1894, our beloved sister, Rose A. Kenney, the sweet unobtrusive, intensely interested, faithful worker, passed on, loved but not lost.

Mrs. Mary J. Bronson, wife of Joel Bronson, finished her earthly work the December previous, in 1893, at the advanced age of eighty-five. Her life work was always in the advanced ranks, full of advanced thought and action, and the Littleton W. C. T. U. honor her memory.

William M. Taylor, while walking down Main street, was met by the local W. C. T. U. president, Mrs. S. C. Sawyer, who asked him if he would like to join the Union as an honorary member. Answering in his characteristic way, he assured her he had wished to do so for some time, and, with pencil and paper on the rough granite curbing, wrote his name with the spirit of a hero whose nature was made up of patriotic love "For God and Home and Native Land."

Mrs. Lucy A. Jones, a faithful member in both service and attendance, removed because of sickness to Newport, P. Q., where she left the uncertainties of life for a world where she believed were prepared mansions for such as she and all God's anointed family. She was a native of Maine, born in 1845, died in 1892.

Mary B. Tilton, whose name is so often read in these pages as "Minnie" and is as indelibly written in the hearts and haunts of her every day and every day of her life—was a native of Littleton. Her sweet, winsome, noble standard of life was like an inspiration and uplift for the highest and best. Beneficent to a de-

gree, she gathered the children by the scores to her home where in pleasant parlor, or on the spacious lawn, they enlisted, marched and drilled in the Cold Water Army, shouldering their miniature muskets in battle array against the King and Tyrant Alcohol. It needed no second thought for her to see the stepping stones and avenues leading to destruction of body and soul in the beverage of cider, and she strictly adhered to her pledge lest she might cause some other to offend.

In 1892, like the dew of the morning,
 Soaring from earth to her home in the sun—
 She passed away gently and lovingly,
 Sweetly remembered for what she had done.
 So truly she's missed there's none yet succeeds her
 To work in the fields where the seeds she has sown ;
 The harvest is ripe awaiting the reaper—
 The children are waiting bereft and alone.
 There needeth no praise of the love-written record
 The name and the epitaph graved on the stone ;
 The work that she lived for let that be her story ;
 Enshrined in our hearts the good she has done.

"Miss Mary Tilton was one of the rarest of women, born with a wonderful capacity which made her fit to fill almost any sphere. Wise in judgment, careful and cautious, but aggressive, charitable and kind, but pronounced in her opinion. Always ready and ever willing; true as steel. To know her was but to love her. I never asked her advice, but was surprised at her wisdom. I never asked her aid, but received it readily. I never sought her prayers, but felt the strength which came from them. She seemed a most happy mean between that which in Christian life and thinking seems conservative and progressive. The old understood her and so did the young. The future pastors of the church will never know what they have missed in her death, while those who knew her are mourning even today. Of her virtues the half has not been told. Her memory is ever fresh and sweet; thus it will remain till we stand face to face on the 'Home Land.'

Most gratefully,
 Her pastor,

FREDERICK GEORGE CHUTTER."

Mrs. H. H. Southworth was one of the first to join the ranks of the W. C. T. U. Possessed of rare and sterling qualities of mind and manner—both positive and aggressive. Believed in progress and that the world and its people should grow better and go higher, hence, any reform movement naturally attracted her attention and enlisted her sympathies, however unpopular it might be in its conception. She remained a much honored and respected member till her death December 30, 1892.

Reluctantly the historian refrains from writing the countless deeds of loyalty to our motto, "For God and Home and Native Land," by each member of the Littleton branch of White Ribbon army—often called the "Mutual Admiration" society—but most lovingly mention our two most venerable, such as Miss Willard calls White Ribbon saints, Mrs. Hannah D. Merrill and Julia Allen. What a keynote was sounded a few days ago by Mrs. Merrill, with an expression emphasized by a voice as sweet, clear and pure as the nightingale, an eye lighted with enthusiasm welling up from a consecrated heart of love to humanity, when she said : "I would be perfectly willing to give my life to the temperance work." She is a charter member of the W. C. T. U. She was born in 1811, and being possessed of an almost unimpaired memory at A. D., 1896, it is profitable as well as interesting to chat for an hour with her upon the different methods of temperance work used in Littleton. She will tell you how in the early Forties there was a society, (only males of course), formed, which though doubtless doing active work, as we now call it, called out much activity on the enemy's side, causing her husband, (that good man so many remember as Deacon Merrill), to be burned in effigy on Main street about front of Thayer's hotel. The good old horse of Dr. Moore was obliged to appear in dis habille, having had his tail wickedly shorn by the same friends who gave other various expressions of their standard in life and action. No female membership, but about this time one whose name is as worthy to be handed down in memory as the Crusaders of 1873-4, Mrs. Fanny Nourse, nee Nichols, went to the hotel where they sold liquor, knelt and prayed and so plead that good results were obtained, unequivocally in evidence that the two divisions, male and female, should combine power in organization against the heinous traffic. Mrs. Merrill was superintendent of evangelistic work until 1891. No artist can represent the fragrance of a flower, neither can pen portray the influence of such as Mrs. Merrill and Miss Allen in the sunset glow of their lives. "Aunt Julia," as so many love to call her, wears the white ribbon to church, Sabbath school, communion, and at home. She still goes to the semi-monthly meetings with a cheerful heart and prays to the God in whom she believes for the final overthrow of the liquor traffic and intemperance. She has lived to see answered her prayers for the divine quickening of our churches to stop the curse that is weaving the tissue of Death's winding sheet, so long consoled by pious sympathy. Peradventure, "Aunt Julia"

may live to see the greatest barriers, intemperance and the liquor traffic, to the Kingly coming of Christ, removed, and victory crown a peaceful warfare. The gates swing on golden hinges that open when the summons "enter thou" comes to those who have done what they could.

Littleton Union never hesitates to fall in line of thought and action with Frances Willard, who from the watch-tower now overlooking every civilized country of the world, reads the signs of the times. It adopts her declaration of principles, viz :

We believe in the coming of His kingdom, whose service is perfect freedom because His laws, written in our members as well as in nature and grace, "are perfect, converting the soul."

We believe in the gospel of the Golden Rule and that each man's habits of life should be an example safe and beneficent for every other man.

We believe in a living wage ; in courts of conciliation and arbitration ; in justice as opposed to greed of gain ; in "peace on earth, good will to men."

We believe that God created both man and woman "in His own image," and, therefore we believe in one standard of purity for men and women and the equal right of each to hold opinions and to express the same in the home, on the platform, in the pulpit and at the ballot box.

We, therefore, formulate and for ourselves adopt the following pledge, asking our brothers and sisters of a common danger and a common hope to make common cause with us in working its reasonable and helpful precepts into the practice of everyday life.

PLEDGE.

"I hereby solemnly promise, God helping me, to abstain from the use of all distilled, fermented and malt liquors, as a beverage, and to employ all proper means to discourage the use of and traffic in the same."

To confirm and enforce the rationale of this pledge we declare our purpose to educate the young ; to form a better sentiment ; to reform as far as possible, by religious, ethical and scientific means, the drinking classes ; to seek the transforming power of divine grace for ourselves and all for whom we work, that they and we may willfully transcend no law of pure and wholesome living ; and finally we pledge ourselves to labor and pray that all

these principles, founded on the Gospel of Christ, may be worked out and into the customs of society and the laws of the land.

The Littleton Union most heartily endorse the resolutions made at the first convention in 1874.

Resolved, that, recognizing the fact that our cause is and is to be combated by mighty, determined and relentless forces, we will, trusting in Him who is the Prince of Peace, meet argument with argument, misjudgment with patience, and denunciation with kindness, and all our difficulties and dangers with prayer.

Resolved, that, whereas, women are the greatest sufferers from the drink traffic, and realizing that it is to be ultimately suppressed by means of the ballot, we, the Christian women of the land in convention assembled, do pray Almighty God and all true men that the question of prohibiting the liquor traffic should be submitted to all the adult citizens of this country, irrespective of sex, not as a means of enlarging our rights or of antagonizing the sexes, but as a means of protecting ourselves, our children, and homes from the ravages of the rum power.

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